

PROPOSED JOINT COMMISSION FOR THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY (“COMMISSION”)

Structure Considerations

- To ensure continuity and commitment, retain as much of the current structure of the Partnership as possible.
- To maximize commitment of the Valley’s delegations to Washington and Sacramento, include them in the implementing organization.
- Include “advisory councils” to ensure that all major stakeholders in the Valley have a voice in the ongoing process of refining and implementing the plan.
- Provide for a modest contingent of staff. This is a massive effort. It cannot be effectively implemented without some committed, talented staff.
- 10-year initial life of the commission to ensure adequate time for implementation. This 10-year period should also serve as a sunset clause to prevent establishment of a permanent bureaucracy.

Charter

- Refinement and implementation of the recommendations made by the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley (Executive Order S-5-05, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, June 2005)

Commission Board Composition

- 8 Members of the Governor’s Cabinet, one of whom will serve as chair
- 2 Members of the federal delegation from the San Joaquin Valley, one of whom will serve as co-chair
- 2 Members of the state delegation from the San Joaquin Valley, one of whom will serve as co-chair
- 8 Members of Local Government (one from each of the eight counties) one of whom will serve as co-Chair
- 8 Members of the San Joaquin Valley private sector, one of whom will serve as co-chair
- Up to 6 ad hoc appointees to serve as Work Group or Task Force chairs (other chairs to be appointed from among the other board members)

With the exception of the two members of the federal delegation and the two members of the state delegation, all of whom who will serve as self-appointed volunteers, all other members of the board will be appointed by the Governor. The members of local government will be appointed from among candidates submitted by the eight County Councils of Government. The members of the private sector and the ad hoc members will be appointed from among nominations submitted by the public, including representatives of the stakeholder groups that will comprise the Advisory Councils.

Work Groups

- Work Groups will be established as determined by the board from time to time.
- All Work Groups will be chaired by a member of the board. Selection criteria for Work Group chairs will include subject matter knowledge, facilitation skills and time available to provide effective leadership.

- Work Groups will have assigned responsibility for plan development and implementation in a specific sphere of activity.

Initial Work Groups

- Economic Development
- K-12 Education
- Higher Education & Workforce Development
- Air Quality
- Water and Energy
- Transportation
- Land Use, Housing and Agriculture
- Health & Human Services
- Technology & Telecommunications

Advisory Councils

- Advisory Councils will be established, revised and terminated as determined by the board from time to time.
- All Advisory Councils will be chaired by a member of the board. Selection criteria for Advisory Council chairs will include facilitation skills and time available to provide effective leadership.
- Advisory Groups will have assigned responsibility for bringing to the board the views and recommendations of specific groups of stakeholders.

Initial Advisory Councils

- Federal Regional Council
- San Joaquin Valley Mayors Conference
- Council of Governments
- San Joaquin Valley Chambers of Commerce
- Economic Development Corporations
- Farm Sector Organizations
- Industry Associations
- Non-Profit Councils

Staffing

- A full-time Chief of Staff for the Commission will be assigned to the Chair of the Commission.
- One FTE will be assigned for every four to five Work Groups and/or Task Forces. These may be direct hires or contracted third parties such as the Great Valley Center or CSUF's Office of Community and Economic Development.

Funding

- One third each by the Federal Government, the State Government and the private sector (foundations, businesses and individuals).

Effective Date and Duration

- The "Commission" will begin operation on the day following the expiration of the Executive Order that created the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley.
- The "Commission" will sunset on completion of its tenth anniversary, unless renewed by the jurisdictions that created it.